

expending resources in the development of written unsolicited proposals;

(3) Endeavors to distribute unsolicited proposals to all interested organizations within DOE;

(4) Processes unsolicited proposals in an expeditious manner and, where practicable, keeps proposers advised as discrete decisions are made;

(5) Assures that each proposal is evaluated in a fair and objective manner; and,

(6) Assures that each proposal will be used only for its intended purpose and the information, subject to applicable laws and regulations, contained therein will not be divulged without prior permission of the proposer.

(b) Extensions of contract work resulting from unsolicited proposals shall be processed in accordance with the procedures at 48 CFR 943.170.

**915.503 General. (DOE coverage—paragraph (f))**

(f) Unsolicited proposals for the performance of support services are, except as discussed in this paragraph, unacceptable as the performance of such services is unlikely to necessitate innovative and unique concepts. There may be rare instances in which an unsolicited proposal offers an innovative and unique approach to the accomplishment of a support service. If such a proposal offers a previously unknown or an alternative approach to generally recognized techniques for the accomplishment of a specific service(s) and such approach will provide significantly greater economy or enhanced quality, it may be considered for acceptance. Such acceptance shall, however, require approval of the acquisition of support services in accordance with applicable DOE Directives and be processed as a deviation to the prohibition in this paragraph.

**915.505 Content of unsolicited proposals. (DOE coverage—paragraph (b))**

(b)(5) Unsolicited proposals for non-nuclear energy demonstration activities not covered by existing formal competitive solicitations or program opportunity notices may include a request for federal assistance or participation, and shall be subject to the cost sharing provisions of 48 CFR 917.70.

**915.506 Agency procedures. (DOE coverage—paragraph (b))**

(b) Unless otherwise specified in a notice of program interest, all unsolicited proposals should be submitted to the Unsolicited Proposal Coordinator, Office of Procurement and Assistance, Washington, DC 20585. If the proposer has ascertained the cognizant program office through preliminary contacts with program staff, the proposal may be submitted directly to that office. In such instances, the proposer should separately send a copy of the proposal cover letter to the unsolicited proposal coordinator to assure that the proposal is logged in the Department's automated tracking system for unsolicited proposals.

**915.507 Contracting methods. (DOE coverage—paragraph (d))**

(d) DOE's cost participation policy, at 48 CFR 917.70, shall be followed in determining the extent to which the DOE will participate in the cost for the proposed effort.

**Subpart 915.8—Price Negotiation**

**915.804-1 Prohibition on obtaining cost or pricing data (DOE coverage—paragraph (b)).**

(b) The Heads of Contracting Activities, for contracts estimated to be within the limits of their delegated authority, may approve the finding required by 48 CFR 15.804-1(b)(1)(i)(B), and the determination required by 48 CFR 15.804-1(b)(1)(ii)(B).

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**915.804-6 Instructions for the submission of cost or pricing data or information other than cost or pricing data (DOE coverage—paragraph (e)).**

(e) The Heads of Contracting Activities, for contracts estimated to be within the limits of their delegated authority, may, without power of redelegation, waive the requirements for cost or pricing data under the circumstances set forth in 48 CFR 15.804-6(e). Such waivers shall be reported to the Procurement Executive.

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